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SUPERINTENDENT PEARCE SAYS HALF OF 1¢ SALES TAX WOULD HELP SCHOOLS

Finances and enrollment topics of discussion

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City School Board heard a report on the financial status of the local school system on Wednesday, February 23rd during a special noon meeting held at the Elba Elementary School.

Superintendent Charles Pearce gave the report, which included a battery of financial statements, comparison charts and other status papers.

The main thrust of the report was the steadily increasing student enrollment coupled with the shrinking size of the school's general fund.

He emphasized that the situation continued to exist in part because of a steady annual increase in total enrollment.

At least twice during the meeting Pearce reminded the board that the Elba school system was on the bottom of the list as receiving less local support than any other city system in the State of Alabama.

He added that the school had been lucky to have friends in the right places. These friends have been helpful in getting considerable state and federal funds to make up this funding difference.

Pearce told the board members he was giving them this annual report earlier than usual. This is because it was important for them to know the pressing needs of the school and the alternatives if those needs not met.

Pearce acknowledged to board members that the system received an additional 1 1/2 teacher units this year due to the increased enrollment. He explained however that while this eased the pain, it did not ease the problem. He emphasized that the situation continued to exist in part because of a steady annual increase in

total enrollment.

The Superintendent talked from a balance sheet/budget chart and told board members the school system would need about \$88,000 additional local funds by next year. He said the alternative was to cut expenditures. "Eliminating two teacher units and one teacher's aide would generate the savings necessary to balance the budget if additional local funds are not received," Pearce said.

The current operating budget projected an ending balance of only \$1,118.27. However the funds for the additional teacher units, higher than expected property tax and county sales tax receipts in the early months of this fiscal year should improve the ending balance. These increases will not be enough to replace the \$133,881.73 carry over from previous years that is being used to fund the current year.

One computer generated chart released at the meeting dealt with enrollment trends and totals since the opening of the new school complex. The totals from that chart are as follows:

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| 1993 September..... | 1154 |
| 1994 February 15..... | 1156 |

The racial makeup during these years only varied a half percent or less, with the Black percentage at present being the same 35% it was in 1991.

Pearce also gave breakdowns by school for the same period. It showed a steady drop in high school enrollment from 513 in 1991 to 495 last month. The elementary enrollment showed a corresponding increase from 625 in 1991 to 661 in February of this year.

Pearce responded to a question from the board on the high school enrollment drop over the three year span by noting that during this current year there were 16 students who

declined discipline, failed to return following a suspension or who had been expelled. He said they have had no such problem in the elementary school.

The charts also contained total enrollments and withdrawals since school started in September of this year.

The Elba High School has had 41 students who either withdrew, moved away or were expelled. During this same period there were 36 new enrollments or returns.

The Elba Elementary School had 36 students who withdrew or moved away and 47 new enrollments (or returns) during the same period.

"If we could get half of a 1¢ sales tax, this board could operate and begin making some long range plans," the Superintendent continued.

Pearce reminded board members that the school system is contracting out the cleaning of the school buildings. He estimated the most that could be saved by hiring workers and buying supplies was \$9,000. However that would not take into consideration the added cost of buying or replacing any equipment.

The Superintendent told the board members he still feels contracting the maintenance was a good business decision. "I don't think we can do it as well, and I have years of watching it done the other way to base that opinion on," Pearce said.

He noted it is contracted on an annual basis and rebid each year. Any time the numbers "turn around", the schools can just not enter into a new contract and hire our own workers.

A two page chart showed the cost of utilities (telephone, gas and electricity) by school for each month in a recent 12 month period. The total

was \$155,215.63 compared to a 1988-89 bill of \$138,028.21 for the same time frame. That is a \$17,000 increase from a pre-flood year in the old schools.

One of the recent months showed the high school with an unusually high electric bill. The bill was \$3,000 higher than it had ever been. Pearce said the only explanation he could find for this was the extra activities going on that month. It was the time when the school was feeding and housing the Army troops working on the road and at the same time the new stadium lights were being installed and adjusted, therefore were burning many extra hours.

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ANOTHER WRECK ON 84 INJURES THREE... During a downpour on Wednesday, Feb. 24, another wreck occurred on U.S. Hwy. 84W in Elba near Dixie Ford sending three to the hospital. Involved in the accident was a 1978 Chrysler Labaton driven by Alice E. Queen of Elba and a 1991 Olds Cutlass driven by Dorothy W. Richardson of Enterprise. Also injured was Dorothy C. Richardson, a passenger in the Olds. All three individuals were transported to Elba General Hospital by a unit of the Elba Rescue Squad. The accident was investigated by Elba Police Officer Johnny P. Senn.

Elba City Council approves land sale

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City Council approved the sale of five acres of land to an expanding local industry Monday night. The vote was 4-2 to sell Cash Brothers Leasing the land they are presently leasing across from the airport plus some additional acreage immediately behind this plot.

Pete Cash told the council he planned to build a 6,000 sq. ft. building for maintenance plus a permanent office building.

Cash told the council his firm is growing and already spending a lot of money out of town that they could be spending in Elba.

Council member Earl McCollough asked if the property had been appraised. When told it hadn't, he voiced opposition to selling any property without an appraisal.

The council voted 4-2 with McCollough and Mayor Ricky Haywood opposing the sale. The price for the 5 acres will be \$2500 per acre or a total of \$12,500. Cash will pay for the land survey and deed preparation.

The property was purchased as part of a 97 acre track about 20 years ago for slightly over \$500 per acre.

The council also adopted a revised lease-purchase agreement with Ken English for the old high school gym. This agreement cuts down on the surrounding property which accompanies the gym. Both McCollough and Haywood voted against the proposal as they did two weeks ago.

City Attorney Mark Vaughan will

also serve as prosecutor for misdemeanor cases in District Court. Vaughan will notify Haywood when he is unable to meet court and the mayor will assign another lawyer. This action was forced when District Attorney Joel Folmar announced his staff would no longer represent municipalities on misdemeanor cases in District Court. They will continue handling all felony cases.

In a related matter, the council voted to pay Attorney Jackson W. Stokes for previous work as pros-

ecutor. Haywood appointed all five council members to a committee to determine how the city is going to pay a \$70,000 Workman Comp bill that is due now. This is an increase of only a few thousand over the amount paid last year. The council will meet Monday night March 7th at 7 p.m. to consider the committee report.

Also due is an attorney bill to

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Thomas E. Head announces candidacy for Circuit Judge

On Wednesday, March 2, District Judge Thomas E. Head, announced that he plans to run for Circuit Judge.



THOMAS E. HEAD

"To end any speculation relative to my intentions, I am announcing that I will seek the Democratic nomination for Circuit Judge, Place One, Twelfth Judicial Circuit, in the upcoming June, 1994 primary," said Head.

The Twelfth Judicial Circuit is comprised of Coffee and Pike counties.

"As I enter into the forthcoming campaign, I am sensitive to the fact that this state and the Nation as a whole are going through a period of great uncertainty, affecting everything from the economy to health care to the justice system," said Head.

"Therefore, it is my commitment

to conduct my candidacy for office with humility, dignity, and attention to the public's views and expectations on issues peculiar to the judiciary. Restoration of public trust in our justice system is paramount.

Judge Head has served as District Judge for Coffee County since his appointment to the office in January of 1987 and his subsequent election in 1988.

While presiding on the District bench, he has consistently maintained a case load of 5,500 to 6,500 cases each year, including special circuit and district assignments outside Coffee County.

Additionally, Head has been assigned by the Chief Justice on several occasions to perform special duties in the Coffee County Probate Court.

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Elba officials don't reach settlements in federal lawsuits

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

Elba city officials were in Montgomery Federal Court Tuesday. This matter was a settlement hearing in an effort to settle the 1993 wrongful firing lawsuits filed by former Recreation Director Ricky Mullaz and Street Superintendent James Simmons.

No final decision was reached in either case Tuesday. However the council has until Tuesday noon, March 8th to notify Federal Magistrate Charles Coody if they will accept unreleased settlement figures hammered out by opposing attorneys in both cases.

If the council doesn't accept these settlements, the cases are scheduled for court on September 21th.

*** BULLETIN ***
The Coffee County Democratic Executive Committee announced Monday that candidates wishing to run for public office on the Democratic ticket in Coffee County can qualify Saturday, March 12th, in the courtroom of the Elba Courthouse. Qualifying begins at 10:00 a.m.

County Commission's meeting short

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

The Coffee County Commission's Monday meeting was an exceptional one - it was short! The regular business session lasted less than one hour.

Two individuals, Tony Alcuri and Dell Ellis, were on the agenda to address the commission. Only Alcuri was present and he spoke to the commissioners concerning the court-house issue.

"Some of the people want one courthouse while others want two," Alcuri said. "We should leave it to the people to decide if they want one or two courthouses."

He said that since public money would be used to construct a courthouse the people should be given the opportunity to decide first, how many and secondly, where it or they

would be located.

"As long as you (the commission) keep dragging and dragging, it will never be settled," said Alcuri. "The only way it's going to be settled is put it in the paper - the opinion of the people!"

Turning to other matters of business, the commissioners, upon the recommendation of the county attorney, voted to deny a \$4,000 claim filed against the county by Sue Boggan, an Elba resident.

The claim was concerning an accident Mrs. Boggan had near the construction of the new exit road for the Elba City School Complex.

It was the county's contention that they were not at fault in any way since the county's only connection to the project was in an advisory capacity.

Commissioner Robert Stephens requested that the Damascus Home-makers Club be allowed to use the

Damascus Voting House as a meeting place, temporarily, until they (the club) can complete plans for a Senior Citizens Center. Approval was given by the commissioners.

Also, Stephens requested that an opinion on what can be done about illegal dumps be gotten from the Attorney General's Office. Other commission members agreed and voted

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Gary Watson announces candidacy for probate judge

Enterprise native Gary Watson has announced he will seek the office of Probate Judge for Coffee County.

His writing for the hostage incident helped the newspaper win an award within the Thompson Newspaper Company for its coverage.

"Working within a newspaper is not a 40-hour week job and I don't feel the probate judge should give our citizens any less," Watson said.

"Among my top priorities in office are to make it customer-friendly. I will aim to ensure no one leaves with a question unanswered or feeling that they have not been treated with respect."

Much of what happens in the probate office is of a personal nature - the issuing of marriage and other licenses, probate hearings such as commitment and condemnations, storage of property deeds - and even the purchasing of automobile license plates.

I want the people to feel respected from the time they walk in the door and to know their business is the most important task going on in the probate office while they are our customer," Watson said. "More goes on in the probate office than people realize and it should all be done with the best interests of the citizens at mind."

Watson is a 1977 graduate of Enterprise High School and received a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from Auburn University in 1981.

He worked for the Ledger briefly in 1982 before moving to Troy State University at Dothan for five years. He is the son of Hob and Marjorie Moore Watson of Enterprise. Watson and his wife, Mary, a first-grade teacher at Harland Creek Elementary School in Enterprise, have been married for nearly seven years.

GARY WATSON

Watson, 34, has worked for the Enterprise Ledger for five years and is currently the news editor. He served for more than a year as sports editor prior to moving into news.

Watson will run as a Democratic candidate in the June primary.

"This is something I've really gotten excited about doing," Watson said of his decision to run for public office.

"I've always been interested in politics, but never looked at the possibility of actually one day being a candidate. Now that I am, I'm excited at the chance to serve the people of Coffee County."

As news editor for the Ledger, Watson has covered a variety of events, ranging from the tragic hos-

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Wendell Ammons to make bid for sheriff's office in June

W.R. Ammons announced today he will seek the Democratic nomination in the race for Sheriff of Coffee County.

Ammons is a life-long resident of Coffee County, a graduate of Zion Chapel High School, Jack, AL and now resides in New Brocton.

He served 16 years in the Alabama National Guard and U. S. Army Reserves. Ammons was honorably discharged at the rank of Captain.



WENDELL R. AMMONS

While in the Guard and Reserves, he attended numerous service schools including the Alabama Military Academy and the Basic and Advanced Officers Courses at the U. S. Army Artillery and Missile Center at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

He is presently employed at Dorsey Trailers, Elba, Alabama and has worked as a salesman and been self-employed in the trucking business.

Ammons entered law enforcement in 1982 by joining the Elba Police Department and serving as a patrolman and investigator.

In 1985, he joined the Coffee County Sheriff's Department working as an investigator until 1987 when he was appointed Chief Deputy. He served in this capacity until 1990.

Ammons attended the Montgomery Alabama Police Academy in 1983 where he received basic police training. He was class Honor Graduate by attaining the highest grade point average in his class.

Also he has received special training by attending Law Enforcement Training School and Drug Detection and Eradication, both conducted by the U. S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration.

Ammons has attended robbery in-

Sports

Views From

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mulaz, Sports Editor

Melissa and Melanie both wanted to go the Elba-R.C. Hatch game last Friday night, and even though I knew better, I let them go thinking they'd enjoy the atmosphere of the Troy State gym and all the excitement of the championship game. Melissa was a true Tiger fan and couldn't sit still as she cheered for the Tigers and fussed at the referees. Melanie was a different story; however, as she put her fingers in her ears to block out all the noise and was far more interested in the bathroom and concession stand than the game. Oh well, fans come in all shapes and sizes, and Friday night the Mulaz fans were all cheering for the Tigers in their own way!

ELBA TIGERS FALL ONE WIN SHORT OF TRIP TO B'HAM

The Elba Tigers play basketball the old-fashioned way—they play as hard as they can every minute of every quarter on both offense and defense, and earn everything they get.

The Tigers earned the right to compete in the South Region Tournament last week by playing perhaps the state's toughest 3A schedule and then out-hustling and out-playing their opponents in the Area 4 Tournament and in the Sub-Region final. They earned the right to play in the Region and in the Sub-Region final. They earned the right to play in the Region and in the Sub-Region final. They earned the right to play in the Region and in the Sub-Region final.

They also earned the respect of everyone of the 1,500 fans that were at the Region finals and all the R.C. Hatch players and coaches as they played possibly their best game of the season against R.C. Hatch, only to see their efforts fall short in the final seconds of play. This group of Elba Tigers earned everything they got all season long, and in the end, earned a spot right along with some of Elba's best teams ever!

Elba wasn't expected to get past the opening round of the Region as they faced Francis Marion, a team that had knocked the Tigers out of the state tourney just a year ago. The "Running Rams" struggled with Elba's defense in the first half, but pulled ahead by nine points early in the fourth quarter and their fans were already celebrating. The party prepped, however, as Elba simply turned up the pressure and staged a rally that erased the nine-point deficit and led the Tigers to a five-point win. Coach Curtis Lane had an excellent game plan for the offense-minded Rams and his team carried out the plan until early in the fourth quarter, when Francis Marion used its talent to pull ahead. The Tigers weren't fazed by the Rams' lead; however, and Coach Lane simply went to plan and turned the Tigers' quickness loose on defense and led the defense the way to the win. David Yelverton was the fourth quarter hero in the win as he hit eight straight free-throws to put the Tigers ahead to stay, but Yelverton was not the only hero. Roscoe Coleman keyed the defense surge that got the Tigers back in the game, while Cory Howe and Che Vaughan both gave a 110 percent until the final buzzer, and sophomores Brian Rowe, Leray Smedley and Shander Daniels all ignored the pressures of playing in a college gym against the defending state champs and played major roles in the win. It was a true team win and one that will be remembered.

Elba's match-up with R.C. Hatch in the finals brought back memories of the Tigers' 1991 class finals in the Sub-State final, a game in which the Tigers were simply outmached and got blown out 100-70. After all, Hatch had scored 108 points in its Sub-Region final against Reheoboth and poured in 91 points in its Region opener against a very talented team from Washington County. Not many thought the Tigers had a real chance against Hatch, but every player on Elba's team knew they could win and Coach Lane was confident that his team would slow down the fast-paced Hatch offense. Both the players and coach were right, as the Tigers played outstanding for four quarters and came within a minute of pulling off a stunning upset and making the trip to Birmingham. Elba set the tone of the game from the opening up as the Tigers played their usual physical brand of defense and refused to give Hatch room to catch its breath. The defense banged and bumped the speedy Hatch players and refused to let them use their fastbreak attack, while on offense the Tigers ran their man-to-man offense to near perfection and repeatedly got inside for short jumpers and layups. The Tigers led 13-10 after one quarter, 28-23 at the half and 46-41 at the end of the third quarter, even the most conservative Elba fan was now thinking of a trip to Birmingham. The Tigers held the lead until late, when Hatch began to dominate the backboards and sneak ahead 62-61. Elba had two possessions down by only one point, but had a pass intercepted and then missed a layup. The Tigers were still in it after falling behind 64-61, only to finally get rattled by the defensive pressure, and committed two unforced turnovers that let Hatch put the win away.

David Yelverton played four minutes in the first half because of trouble; however, the Tigers played even harder knowing their pass guy was on the bench, and every single player rose to the challenge as Elba outplayed Hatch on both ends of the court. Cory Howe, Will Magwood and Che Vaughan battled on the boards for every rebound, while Roscoe Coleman fought every single inch of the 94-foot court against the speedy Hatch guards and even went in and out-fought everyone for some big rebounds. Brian Rowe filled in for Yelverton and displayed talents that should shine brightly in years to come as he went jaw-to-jaw with the veteran Hatch players, as did his fellow sophomores Leray Smedley and Shander Daniels, both of which had big roles in the game. Yelverton did come back in the final two quarters and had a solid second half, as did all his teammates.

The entire Elba team played with every ounce of emotion and desire it had against R.C. Hatch, and while the final was declared Hatch the winner, the Tigers were certainly not losers. Coach Curtis Lane showed that he is indeed one of the top high school coaches in the state, and his players showed what hard work, determination and pride can accomplish. I have been around Elba High School athletics for over thirty years and have been with the Tigers when they celebrated state championships in football; however, I can't remember ever being any prouder of a group of Elba athletes than I was Friday night. Even in defeat, the 1992-93 Elba Tiger basketball team made me, and everyone from Elba, proud to be from Elba. Congratulations, and thanks for all you sacrificed to make us proud!

BRANTLEY BULLDOGS KEEP HOPE ALIVE FOR 1A REPEAT

The Brantley Bulldogs know some doubters going into the Class 1A Region Tournament last week after struggling past McKenzie, Kinston and J.U. Blacksher in post-season action, but the Bulldogs put everyone's worries to rest as they showed signs of brilliance in rolling past Marengo 69-56 and Frisco City 57-51 to earn a spot in this week's state finals and keep their hopes alive for a second straight 1A championship.

The Bulldogs started slow against Marengo and couldn't find the range in the spacious Troy State gym, but they settled down in the second quarter and looked like the Brantley of old as they outscored Marengo 20-6 in the stanza to all but put the win in the bag. The Bulldogs hit eight three-pointers in the win, with four coming from Andrew Kilcrease, a long range bomber that loves banging bodies on defense even as much as he likes pulling up and firing away from behind the three-point line. Derek Caldwell heated up on offense and hit six of ten shots, while Jimmy Burnett was the spark that ignited the Bulldogs as he played hard on defense and used his quickness to get down the court for fastbreak baskets. Andreotti Daniels' 3-pointing hero, was steady as always and added eight points and nine rebounds as he ruled the lane in the win. The win was relatively easy and showed that Brantley was still a force to be reckoned with.

If anyone had told a true Brantley fan that Derek Caldwell and Jimmy Burnett would shoot a combined 3 for 25 from the floor against Frisco City, the fan would have either laughed and said you were crazy, or cried and said the season would be over. Well, Caldwell and Burnett did indeed hit only 3 of 25 shots against Frisco City; however, Brantley survived and advanced to the state finals thanks to the first half heroics of Andrew Kilcrease, the inside strength of Adrian Person and Andreotti Daniels and the Bulldogs' aggressive man-to-man defense. Kilcrease hit three three-pointers in the first half to spark a 21-0 run that put the Bulldogs on top 36-20 at the half, while Daniels and Person combined for 31 points and 16 rebounds to dominate the action inside and allowed Brantley to hold off

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Tiger standout David Yelverton (in black) goes up for an easy bucket in Elba's win over Francis Marion in the Class 3A South Region Tournament. Yelverton received All-Tournament honors and led the Tigers in scoring in both region games.

Elba's Cory Howe (24) drives in for a basket during the Tigers' 65-60 win over Francis Marion. Howe earned All-Tournament honors for his play in last week's Class 3A South Region Tournament as he helped the Tigers reach the region finals.

Tigers stumble in 3A South Region final

The Elba Tigers were faced with two major hurdles last week at the Class 3A South Region Tournament in their quest for a berth in the state's "Final 4" event in Birmingham.

The Tigers cleared the first hurdle with a 65-60 upset win over defending state champion Francis Marion, but stumbled over the second hurdle with the finish line within sight as R.C. Hatch scored the final six points of the game to edge the Tigers 69-61.

The runner-up finish left the Tigers with a final record of 13-10, while R.C. Hatch advanced to the "Final 4" with a 20-3 state.

Elba placed two players on the "All-Tournament" team as both David Yelverton and Cory Howe were honored. Yelverton scored 46 points in 18 rebounds, while Howe scored 26 points in 13 of 22 shots from the floor and 15 of 19 free-throws, and pulled down 18 rebounds. Howe scored 26 points in the two tournament games, hitting on 11 of 14 shots from the floor, and also grabbed 9 rebounds.

"We played our style of game and had the game under control until the very end," said Elba's Coach Curtis Lane. "We just made some mistakes against their press in the closing seconds and it cost us the ballgame. Our players gave it everything they had and really took it to Hatch, and deserved to win. Our defense forced them to work hard for every shot, and our offense took it to 'em until the end. I thought we had the game under control, would win it how, ever, we made a couple of mistakes late and they took advantage of them and won the game."

"I am very proud of this team and all the players that left everything they had on the court in both regional games," added Lane. "Not many people thought we had a chance against Francis Marion, but we came back in the fourth quarter and won the game, and most people thought Hatch would run us off the court. Our players believed in what we were doing and showed everyone at the game that defense and intensity are two major factors and that there is more to basketball than just running up and down the court."

"We are all disappointed that we didn't make the trip to Birmingham," said Lane, "but we are holding our heads up high and this team deserves a lot of credit for everything they accomplished. It was a great year, and a great run in the tournaments, and it was the Francis Marion basket. The loss

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of Magwood only seemed to help the Tigers focus on the job ahead; however, and when Cory Howe scored from inside with 4-40 left the Tigers were within 50-47.

A jumper by David Yelverton and a pair of free-throws by Roscoe Coleman put Elba back on top 53-52 with 3:33 remaining in the game, and Yelverton added two free-throws with 3:21 left to increase the Tigers lead to 55-52.

Francis Marion took advantage of Elba turnovers to move back ahead 56-55 with 2:20 left, but Cory Howe muscled inside for a basket and Yelverton added two more free-throws to put the Tigers on top 59-56 with 1:54 left on the clock.

Francis Marion cut the lead to 59-58 with 1:43 left and had a chance to tie the game with 1:02 on the clock, but Yelverton added two free-throws to put the Tigers ahead 61-58. The Rams pulled within 63-60 with 1:31 left, however, Elba easily handled the Francis Marion press and Leray Smedley hit a short jumper with 1:15 left to give the Tigers the 65-60 win.

David Yelverton hit 9 of 14 shots from the floor and 10 of 12 free-throws to score 29 points, and also pulled down 13 rebounds, to lead the Tigers to the win, while Cory Howe added 11 points and grabbed 7 rebounds. Francis Marion, which connected on only 6 of 29 chances from the free-throw line, was led in scoring by Johnny McCalpine with 15 points.

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Brantley Bulldogs roll in Region, set sights on 1A repeat

The Brantley Bulldogs kept their hopes for a second straight state basketball championship alive last week as they claimed two wins to win the Class 1A South Region Tournament, held at Troy State University in Birmingham.

The Bulldogs opened the tournament with an easy 69-56 win over Marengo, then held off Frisco City 57-51 in the region finals to earn a trip to the "Final 4" Tournament, in Birmingham.

Brantley's Adrian Person scored 28 points and grabbed 8 rebounds in the two wins to earn "Most Valuable Player" honors, while Derek Caldwell, Jimmy Burnett and Andrew Kilcrease were all named to the All-Tournament team.

"We played as well as we've played all season at times in the region tournament," said Brantley's Coach Tony Stallworth, "but weren't able to play at that level through all four quarters and that is a concern. In the win over Marengo we relaxed after getting the big lead, and in the win over Frisco City we played extremely well in the first half and then let them get back in the game in the

third quarter."

"We showed what this team is made of in the closing minutes against Frisco City when we settled down and did the things we had to do to win," added Stallworth. "We will have to be consistent on both ends of the floor in Birmingham if we are going to be successful. The level of play will be higher at the state finals and we'll have to pick up our level of play and play our best to have a chance at winning the whole thing."

Following are highlights of the Bulldogs' two region wins:

BRANTLEY 69 - MARENGO 56
The Brantley Bulldogs pulled ahead in the second quarter and were never threatened as they rolled to an impressive 69-56 win over the Marengo Panthers, in semifinal action at the South Region Tournament.

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with 3:57 left in the opening stanza on a basket by Andreotti Daniels, only to see Marengo rally as the Panthers used their quickness to catch the Bulldogs at 14-14 by the end of the quarter.

A three-point jumper by Jimmy Burnett and a jumper by Adrian Person ended the game with 14 points and Andreotti Daniels added 8 points and pulled down 9 rebounds. Jacob Carr and Freddie Jowers added 15 points each for Marengo.

A driving layup by Derek Caldwell seemed to totally change the complexion of the game as the Whippets came to life and all the whistles from the referees seemed to go against the Bulldogs.

Frisco City closed the quarter with an 11-0 run to close to within one point, and the move inside did the trick for the Bulldogs as Andreotti Daniels scored eight points in close with 3:53 left, Brantley was ahead 53-46 with 3:48 remaining in the contest.

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Coffee County Arts Alliance To Present One Man Play

The Coffee County Arts Alliance will continue its 20th season with the presentation of a one-man play, "Churchill and Marlow: Their Finest Hour". The performance will take place March 11, 1994, at 7:30 p.m., at the Enterprise High School Auditorium. A compelling drama by playwright Willard Manus, the play pits minister of England with America's leading broadcaster against the great drop of World War II. Veteran actor Aury Pinson brings these two great characters to life moving from one personality to the other, undergoing remarkable transformations in manner, speech and expression to create the illusion of intimate dialogue. Mr. Pinson has worked with numerous

companies including the Alabama Shakespeare Festival and the Birmingham Festival Theater. His professional credits include appearing with Van Johnson in "There's a Girl in My Soup" and a role in the movie, "Stay Hungry". Premier audiences have found this play to be absorbing and entertaining; a fascinating juxtaposition of what happens when two remarkable men are caught up in critical moments of great decisions. Do not miss this outstanding performance. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance at the following outlets in Enterprise at Westgate Book and Gift, The Framery, and Plain and Fancy; in Elba at the Jewel Box and the ITR at Ft. Rucker.

Burial followed in the Bethlehem Cemetery with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing.

Survivors include his wife, Louise Pope Williams of Montgomery, AL; his mother and father, Wilma Mae and Johnny Ecker Williams; a daughter, Joyce Williams Carter of Montgomery, AL; four sons, Danny Wayne Williams of Elba, AL; Douglas Williams, Donnie Williams, and Daniel Butch Williams, all of Montgomery, AL; a sister, Myrtle Lee Hudson of Elba, AL; 10 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren.

PARILEE HUDSON PETTY
Parilee Hudson Petty, age 90 of Elba, Alabama, died Saturday, February 26, 1994 in an Elba, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, February 25, 1994 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jim Dantford officiating.

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Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Alice and Sonny Love Holland; a sister, Cattie Mae Lunsford of Titusville, Florida; a brother, Houston Hudson of Tallahassee, FL; 7 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; 11 great great grandchildren.

128th Church Anniversary
On Sunday, February 28, 1994, at 2:30 p.m., the New Pilgrim Baptist Church of River Fall, Alabama celebrated the 128th Church Anniversary. Rev. O.C. Culver is pastor of New Pilgrim Baptist Church and Rev. A. R. Williams, pastor of Rocky Head MB Church, Elba, and other relatives over the weekend.

Layman's Convention
The 22nd Session of the Mulberry District Layman's Convention will be held at the Educational Building, Highway 166, Elba, AL, March 18-19, 1994.

On Friday, March 18, 1994, beginning at 6:30 p.m., the devotional address will be given by Deacon Charles Grace. Music will be rendered by the Male Chorus and the Sermon will be given by Rev. John Lawrence.

On Saturday morning, March 19, 1994, beginning at 9:30 a.m., the devotional address will be given by Deacon James Woods. Music will be rendered by the Male Chorus and the Sermon will be given by Rev. Jonas Rogers. At 1:30 p.m. the President's Annual Address will be given.

Officers are: Deacon J. L. Williams-President; Deacon Thomas Brooks-Vice President; Brother B. V. Jones-2nd Vice President; Deacon L. E. Burnett-Recording Secretary; Deacon Charles Henderson-Corresponding Secretary; Deacon Pete Daniels-Treasurer; Rev. J. G. Chatham-Moderator.

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